

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 22, 2022

Location: Zoom Teleconference

Called to order: 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent: Miriam Salas, Lee Ledbetter

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Robert Boyd

Result: Passed

In favor: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King

Opposed:

Comments:

2. 709 Tchoupitoulas St.

Application: Renovation of existing 2-1/2 story commercial building including construction of new gallery and modifications to door openings on front facade.

Motion: The ARC recommended conceptual approval of the project, with the following provisos:

Gallery:

- The ARC had no objection to the installation of the new gallery. The location of any underground utilities or services should be determined prior to construction. If the placement of the posts is affected, any changes will need to be approved by the ARC. The post location in relation to the existing posts on the adjacent gallery also needs further study.
- The bases of the posts look out of scale (too large).

New second floor doors:

- The new doors look too heavy – they should have a greater ratio of glass to wood than shown.

First floor opening:

- The ARC agreed that they would allow the single large opening on the right side since there is evidence that it previously existed; however, they still felt that a roll-up garage door was out of character for the building. They recommended a more traditional door style in that opening that fits better with the overall style of building, such as carriage doors or bi-fold French doors.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Robert Boyd

Result: Passed

In Favor: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King

Opposed:

Comments:

3. 759 Carondelet St.
Application: Install new door at left elevation for HVAC access (after-the-fact) and raise existing parapet wall 6' to conceal HVAC.
Motion: The ARC recommended conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at staff level. The ARC stated that the new door should not have an awning installed, as the existing openings on the building do not have awnings.
By: Robby Cangelosi
Second: Ashley King
Result: Passed
In Favor: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King
Opposed:
Comments:
4. 1011 Canal St.
Application: Renovation of four commercial buildings (1001-1015 Canal) including new rooftop additions.
Motion: The ARC voted to defer this application for additional review.
- The ARC confirmed their previous recommendation and noted that they could not approve the penthouse additions if they do not meet HDLC guidelines, which require a minimum setback of 1.5 times the height of the addition above the roof. The setback requirements also apply to other rooftop elements, such as the railings. In addition, the ARC agreed that the profiles of the cornices on some of the penthouses are too traditional and should be simplified.
 - Regarding the new storefront at 1001 Canal, the ARC was unsure whether the chamfered corner entrance was appropriate if it was not a historic condition and requested additional information on that element. The top and bottom sections of the storefront should be more cohesive. The ARC recommended adding additional mass above the base with stronger verticals, transoms, or a combination of both. The panels along the base should be recessed rather than applied trim. They also requested details on the proposed canopy
- By: Robby Cangelosi
Second: Ashley King
Result: Passed
In Favor: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King
Opposed:
Comments:
- 5 741-47 St Charles Ave.
Application: Install new door at left elevation for HVAC access (after-the-fact) and raise existing parapet wall 6' to conceal HVAC.
Motion: The ARC recommended conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at staff level.
By: Robby Cangelosi
Second: Robert Boyd
Result: Passed
In Favor: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King
Opposed:
Comments:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.